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[The 20 February 1965 issue of Obrana Lidu, published in Prague, carried an article, headlined "'White' and 'Black' Agents," which alleges that CIA agents operate through RFE. By way of introduction, the article cites an organizational and operational information contained in an English-language brochure, entitled "Radio Free Europe's Broadcast Operations" and describes the methods used to collect and card information on Czechoslovakia. The article quotes information extracted from two file cards which allegedly came from the RFE files on Czechoslovakia. Pertinent excerpts from the article are presented

"This type of tedious and meticulous collection work can be properly evaluated by Ray Cline from CIA headquarters. For a better understanding of this card file, let us examine two cards from the Czech section which have been evaluated.

"We have before us the English language originals of two cards which contain evaluated information. The first bears the number 3461/58, is headed 'Czechoslovakia', is dated 29 July 1958 and deals with "New Control Zones of the SNB in Prague.' The subject index words Police (2300) and SNB (2304) appear on the card. The source is given as Vienna and the date of information is June 1958. The English summary carries an evaluation comment and a concluding remark: 'Actual reasons for these measures which are clearly of an auxiliary significance, are not known to the informant....

"Someone may ask why anyone would be interested in such 'secrets' which can be obtained from the Prague telephone directory? J. Joesten, Alsop, Tulley, Cook and others are saying that within the headquarters of CIA there is an elderly, nondescript, gentleman whose sole job consists of comparing all Prague address lists and telephone directories and who meticulously enters all changes on a large map of Prague. Why? This is one of the secrets of American espionage.

"But let us return to our cards.

"The second card bears the number 4514/59, is dated 6 November 1959, is headed 'Czechoslovakia and again has two subject index words: 'Border Zones' (0400) and 'Border Guards' (0403). The source is again Vienna. The informant is described as: 'a Slovak escapee, who defected in the summer of 1959. He served in a Border Guard unit near Bratislava.' The evaluation comment carries the code letter 'H'

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